



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : S. Mark Haugland
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MS AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the first office action in the instant application, mailed by the PTO on June 16, 2006 (the "Office Action"), Applicant respectfully submits the following Amendments to the Claims and Remarks. This response is filed on or before September 16, 2006, and is therefore timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification: begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims: begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.